

Daily Activity Planner for Thursday, February 16

Legislative Committees

House Finance: State Government & Agency Review Sub. (Chr. Faber, K., 466-6344), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

- Budget testimony from Optical Dispensers Board, Optometry Board, Dietetics Board, and Public Testimony.

House State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 116, 9 a.m.

HB 5 **MICROBUSINESSES** (Pelanda, D., Gavarone, T.) To create a statutory definition of "microbusiness." (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 12 **OFFICIAL STATE STRUCTURE** (Gonzales, A.) To designate the barn as the official historical architectural structure of the state. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 31 **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING** (Cupp, R.) To abolish the Government Contracting Advisory Council. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 34 **PUBLIC NOTICES** (Hambley, S., Ryan, S.) To authorize certain state agencies, local governments, and other boards, commissions, and officers to deliver certain notices by ordinary mail and electronically instead of by certified mail. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

House Finance: Agriculture, Development & Natural Resources Sub. (Chr. Thompson, A., 644-8728), Rm. 018, 9 a.m.

- Budget testimony from OARDC and OSU Extension, Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board, Environmental Review Appeals Commission and Consumers' Counsel

Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (Committee Record) (Chr. Huffman, S., 466-7584), Finance Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- Expansion Population - Ohio Medicaid Group VIII Assessment by Barbara Sears, Director, Ohio Department of Medicaid

Joint Education Oversight Committee (Committee Record) (Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150), South Hearing Rm., 9:30 a.m.

- Presentation from Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria on Ohio's Draft Accountability Plan for the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

House Aging & Long Term Care (Committee Record) (Chr. Arndt, S., 644-6011), Rm. 113, 10 a.m.

- Presentations by the Ohio Department of Aging and Ohio Department of Job & Family Services

House Finance: Higher Education Sub. (Chr. Perales, R., 644-6020), Ohio History Center, 800 E. 17th Ave., Cardinal Classroom, Columbus, 12 p.m.

- Budget testimony from Ohio History Connection, Ohioana Library Board, Ohioana Library Association

Agency Calendar

State Teachers Retirement System, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, 8 a.m.
School Employees Retirement System, 300 E. Broad St., Columbus, 8:30 a.m.
~~Canceled: Real Estate Appraiser Board, 77 South High Street, 22nd Floor,~~
~~Columbus, 9:30 a.m.~~
Children's Trust Fund, 77 South High Street, 31st Floor, Room East B, Columbus,
10 a.m.
Tuition Trust Authority, 77 S. High St., 31st Fl., West B&C, Columbus, 10 a.m.

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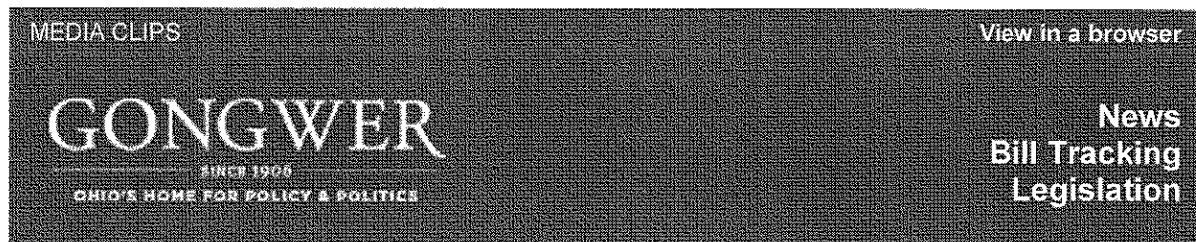
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NEWS

Ohio bill: Kill the tampon tax (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/16/2017)

Andrew Puzder, Trump's Cleveland-born labor secretary nominee, withdraws amid controversy (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Gov. John Kasich headed for Germany, England (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Marsy's Law for Ohio begins campaign for crime victim ballot initiative (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Ohio congress members Marcia Fudge, Tim Ryan back Jaime Harrison of SC for DNC chair (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Talk it out: Should Ohio become a 'right to work' state? (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Sherrod Brown, 10 other senators, call for special investigation of Flynn (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

Sherrod Brown, Ohio labor leader glad that Puzder withdrew (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

The Daily Briefing: It's official, Portman supports Gorsuch for Supreme Court (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

The Daily Briefing: Kasich talking security, jobs in Germany, United Kingdom (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

Crime victims seek more rights and protections in Ohio constitution (Dayton Daily News, 2/16/2017)

Ohio working on marijuana 'seed to sale' tracking (Dayton Daily News, 2/16/2017)

Should Ohio schools start after Labor Day? (Dayton Daily News, 2/16/2017)

Some speed limits in Ohio may change daily depending on traffic (Dayton Daily News, 2/16/2017)

Ohio clears wording of cocaine sentencing (Toledo Blade, 2/16/2017)

EDITORIALS

Trump, Flynn and the Russian link (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/16/2017)

Editorial: Enrollment drop is real problem (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

Escaping DeVos (Toledo Blade, 2/16/2017)

We owe them (Toledo Blade, 2/16/2017)

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From: Miller, Josh
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Members_All; Staff_All
Subject: Co-sponsor Request: Private Sector Right to Work



Tom Brinkman, Jr.
State Representative, 27th District
MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members
From: Representative Tom Brinkman, Jr.
Date: February 17th, 2017
RE: Private Sector Right to Work

I will soon be introducing Private Sector Right to Work legislation. Our neighboring states of Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Indiana have passed Right to Work, and it is long overdue here in Ohio.

This important bill will help make Ohio businesses more competitive and prosperous by eliminating forced union dues and memberships. **No one should be forced to pay a union to get or keep a job.**

If you are interested in co-sponsoring please contact my legislative aide Josh Miller at 614-644-6886 or Josh.Miller@ohiohouse.gov by the close of business on March 3rd.

Thank you,

Tom Brinkman, Jr.

Ohio House of Representatives
District 27

From: Westlake, Libby
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Best, Carolyn; Adams, Alexandra; Slack, Cora; Miller, Brad; Cho, Joy
CC: Rossman, Brent
Subject: COLUMN ALERT - Goodman Right to Work (sending at 11:30)

February 21, 2017

Contact: Brent Rossman

(614) 644-6265

Guest Column from State Representative Wesley A. Goodman

Right-to-Work: It's high time, Ohio

On February 6th, Missouri's Governor signed right-to-work legislation into law, making Missouri the 28th state to wake up to the fact that freedom of choice for workers is a major boon for their citizens, businesses, and economies.

The Midwest is now swelling with right-to-work states. Both Indiana and Michigan became right-to-work states in 2012. West Virginia passed legislation in 2016, as did Kentucky in 2017. The only remaining state bordering Ohio without right-to-work legislation is Pennsylvania. Ohio, Illinois, and Minnesota are now the only non-right-to-work states in the Midwest. The South is solidly right-to-work, from Texas and Oklahoma east all the way to Florida and Virginia. It is clear that right-to-work has reached a tipping point, and states that have not enacted legislation are becoming an anomaly, especially in our region of the country. Unfortunately for Ohioans, this means that our state is falling behind the competition and losing jobs and opportunities to surrounding states.

The concept behind right-to-work legislation is simple: let workers decide if they want to join a union or not. The right of individuals to form associations is a touchstone of American democracy, contributing as much to our culture as it does to our economy. However, when associations become involuntary and dues are forced as a condition of

employment—as many union contracts dictate—this is no right of association, but a violation of individual liberty and personal decision making.

Right-to-work laws do not prohibit unions. They simply make union dues voluntary, returning to individuals the choice over whether they wish to belong to that union. This allows employees to withdraw their support and hard earned dollars from a union if they do not agree with its positions or feel it is no longer an effective advocate for their interests, and still maintain their livelihood.

Right-to-work laws also provide a considerable economic advantage, as they are often a major factor for businesses when deciding where to locate. Between 1990 and 2014, the Bureau of Labor Statistics data show that employment in right-to-work states grew twice as fast as it did in non-right-to-work states.

If Ohio does not act now, we will continue to lose out to surrounding states. That is why I am working with my colleagues at the Statehouse to ensure that all Ohioans have freedom in the workplace. I am encouraged that federal lawmakers also introduced a right-to-work bill in Congress on February 1st.

Until the much needed relief comes, however, local governments now have the ability to enact right-to-work policies locally. In November of last year, the United States 6th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a ruling upholding the right of local jurisdictions to enact such policies. This case came out of Kentucky, which now has statewide right-to-work legislation, due in part to the pressure that local governments put on the state legislature through their own right-to-work policies.

While I hope that we soon have right-to-work statewide or nationally, I applaud any local governments who decide to take matters into their own hands and act in the interest of their citizens and their economic vitality.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Wesley' or 'Wes', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Wesley A. Goodman

State Representative

87th House District

From: Westlake, Libby
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 8:25 AM
To: Westlake, Libby
Subject: E-Clips for 2/24/2017

HOUSE E-CLIPS 2/24/2017



OHIO, WISCONSIN KICK-START TALKS ON MANAGING TRUMP EFFECT

Republican legislative leaders from Ohio and Wisconsin are working together, hoping other states will join them, as they prepare for changes in how the federal government under President Donald Trump deals with states.

KASICH CLEARED TO GIVE STATE OF THE STATE SPEECH IN SANDUSKY

Ohio lawmakers have signed off on the governor's plan to deliver his annual State of the State speech in Sandusky.

OHIO TASK FORCE FINDS MIXED PROGRESS ON COLLEGE COST-CUTTING

The group said too few schools have identified how resources will improve college affordability and education quality.



TRUMP-ERA CHALLENGES BRING OHIO, WISCONSIN LEADERS TOGETHER

Republican legislative leaders from Ohio and Wisconsin came together Thursday for what they hope will be an ongoing collaborative effort to prepare for when the Trump administration begins handing states more authority.

PLAN WOULD CUT PENALTY FOR MISSING FRONT PLATE

Ohio lawmakers took a small step toward reducing the penalty for missing front license plates and exempted natural gas fleets from taxation in changes Thursday to the proposed state transportation budget.

LT. GOV. TAYLOR CREATES GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

It comes as no surprise, but Mary Taylor now is a formal candidate in the crowded field for the Republican nomination for governor in 2018.

KASICH SUMMONED TO HELP CRAFT MEDICAID SOLUTION AMID OBAMACARE REPEAL

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is among a small group of governors being called upon by congressional Republicans to help craft a solution to the Medicaid expansion conundrum amid the repeal and replacement of Obamacare.

Dayton Daily News
www.daytondailynews.com

NEW RULES SET FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE IN OHIO

Ohio is taking steps to make sure medical marijuana isn't pitched in a way that is attractive to kids by banning cartoon characters, candy look-alikes and fruit shapes and requiring child-resistant packaging.

OHIO STEP CLOSER TO RAISING LICENSE PLATE, DRIVER'S LICENSE FEES

The Ohio House is scheduled to vote on a transportation budget bill Tuesday that includes increases in fees paid for vehicle plates and driver's licenses.

LT. GOV. MARY TAYLOR SIGNALS SHE'S RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR IN 2018

Republican Mary Taylor signaled on Thursday that she wants the top job when she filed paperwork for a new campaign committee titled: "Mary Taylor for Governor."

THE PLAIN DEALER

MARY TAYLOR FOR GOVERNOR LAUNCHES

In the surest sign yet that she will run for governor in 2018, Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor has formed a committee that allows her to begin campaigning and raising money for what stands to be a tough Republican primary.

OHIO CITIES COULD STOP PAYING PREVAILING WAGE TO CONSTRUCTION

WORKERS UNDER PROPOSED BILL

Local governments could opt out of paying Ohio's prevailing wage on public construction projects under a new proposal from state Sen. Matt Huffman.

SEAN SPICER HEADLINING D.C. FUNDRAISER FOR OHIO SEN. FRANK LAROSE

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer is headlining a Washington, D.C. fundraiser for Ohio Sen. Frank LaRose next week, according to a flier for the event.

PROPOSED LIMITS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA SUPPLY IN OHIO AMONG STRICTEST

Proposed limits on how much medical marijuana Ohio patients could buy and possess would be among the strictest the country.

2018 OHIO GOVERNOR'S RACE GETS MORE 'OFFICIAL' WITH MARY TAYLOR: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

Taylor takes the plunge: Ohio Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor on Thursday filed paperwork forming a gubernatorial campaign committee, and a website, www.marytaylorforgovernor.com, cleveland.com's Henry J. Gomez writes.

THE ENQUIRER

SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE WAS NOT CERTIFIED, AUDITOR SAYS

The state auditor is "alarmed" after two local school districts hired a substitute who was not certified.

PARKED VEHICLES WOULDN'T BE CITED FOR MISSING FRONT PLATE

Those who want to eliminate Ohio's front license plate gained an inch Thursday.

GOP EFFORT COULD AX PREVAILING WAGE RULE FOR CONSTRUCTION

WORKERS

Ohio's cities, townships and counties could decide to pay construction workers less than the state-mandated prevailing wage under a new GOP proposal – one that a union leader says abandons the blue-collar mandate from the election of President Donald Trump.

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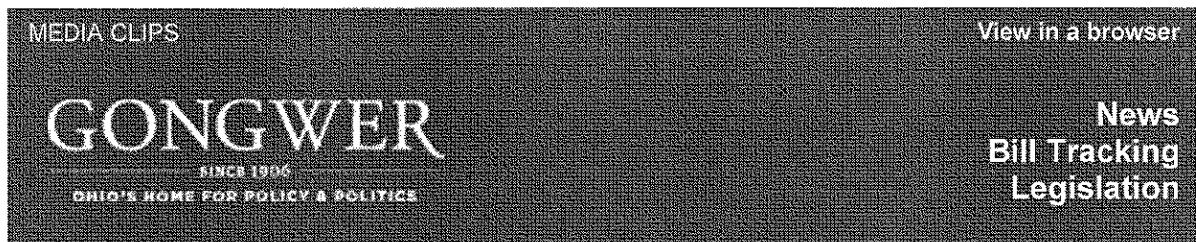
LT. GOV. TAYLOR ANNOUNCES BID FOR GOVERNOR

Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, who has the support of current boss Gov. John Kasich, formed a committee Thursday for her own run for governor in 2018.

BUDGET PROVISION WOULD CUT VEHICLE FEES IN COUNTY

A portion of registration fees imposed on commercial vehicles would be cut in Lucas and three other counties, as part of an experiment to see if more trucks register in Ohio as a result, under a proposal headed for a House of Representatives vote next week.

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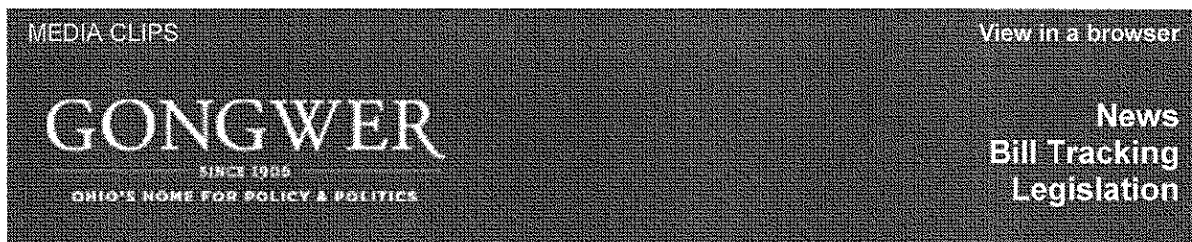
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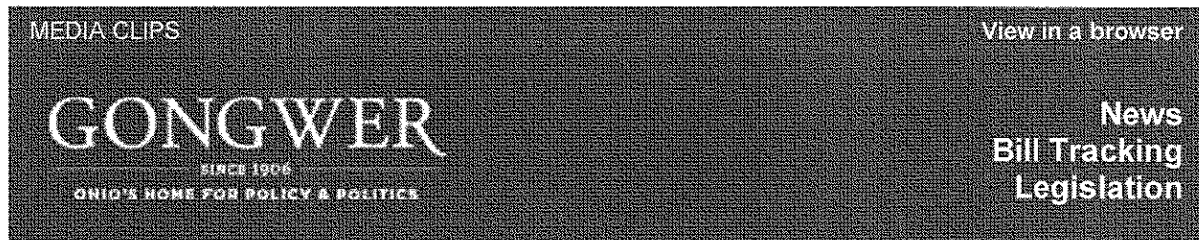
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## NEWS

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Kasich cleared to give State of the State speech in Sandusky (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/27/2017)

Ohio bill outlawing marital rape gets no GOP support, again (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/27/2017)

After bitter feud, Kasich and Trump try to mend fences (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/27/2017)

Kasich budget assumes Cincinnati could raise more taxes (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/27/2017)

Kasich to GOP: Full Obamacare repeal 'not acceptable' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/27/2017)

Portman denies keeping Democrats out of political event (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/27/2017)

Gov. John Kasich and Rep. Jim Jordan duel on TV over Obamacare repeal (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)



**Gov. John Kasich talks with President Trump about reforming Obamacare (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)**

**Ohio congress members seek investigation of Jewish community center bomb threats (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)**

**Tom Gunlock, former state school board president, leaves board (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)**

**Capitol Insider: Kasich can relate to Trump's kerfuffles (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)**

**Grass-roots foes of Trump, GOP make noise in Ohio (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)**

**Kasich says town hall protests might be getting through to Capitol Hill (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)**

**Kasich, GOP at odds over Medicaid coverage (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)**

**Ohio may pay counties to take inmates off its hands (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)**

**Trump has many believers in small-town Ohio (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)**

**Kasich fights for federal health care funds (Dayton Daily News, 2/27/2017)**

**Local governments told to 'open books' (Toledo Blade, 2/27/2017)**

**Ohio officers tasked with keeping race, gender data (Toledo Blade, 2/27/2017)**

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**A better death penalty for Ohio (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/27/2017)**

**Bickering over Gov. Kasich's traveling State of the State passes for political discourse in Ohio: Thomas Suddes (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)**

**Keep defending Ohio Medicaid expansion, Gov. Kasich: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)**

**Editorial: Victims seek more court leverage (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)**

**Governor got this right (Toledo Blade, 2/27/2017)**

**Right-to-work law still totally wrong for Ohio (Youngstown Vindicator, 2/27/2017)**

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## OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Majority Communications Department*

### **GOP Week in Review**

**2/27/17 – 3/5/17**

**Toledo Blade: Ohio House approves \$7.8B for transportation**

"This is a declining revenue source," said Rep. Robert McColley (R., Napoleon), the bill's sponsor. "Ohioans are paying less gas tax now than they have in years past. It's actually getting below the \$8 billion mark."

**The Lima News: McColley helps pass state transportation budget**

McColley also chairs the House Finance Subcommittee on Transportation, which played a key role in crafting the bill. "House Bill 26 strikes a balance between financing Ohio's transportation priorities while being a responsible watchdog of taxpayer dollars," he said. "A lot of creative ideas and input went into the crafting of this budget, and I am confident that it will help Ohio meet its infrastructure needs in the future."

**Gallipolis Daily Tribune: Ohio House passes transportation budget**

"This infrastructure package is an important step to rebuild our communities," said House Finance Chair Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell). "The transportation budget makes an investment of \$7.8 billion that will maintain our roads and improve our economic competitiveness."

**Cincinnati Business Courier: Cincinnati could reap big benefits from Ohio transportation bill**

"We all know there's not enough money to do everything we need to do," said Rep. Doug Green, R-Mount Orab, chairman of the House's transportation committee.

**Circleville Herald: Rep. Scherer Votes for State Transportation Budget**

"I am pleased with the passage and to be a co-sponsor of the transportation budget," said Scherer. "This passage allows for us to put funding back into our state's infrastructure and continue growth all across the state of Ohio."

**The Morning Journal: Ohio lawmaker's highway bill aims to reach suffering veterans**

State Rep. Steve Hambley says it could help remind veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder to reach out for help.

**The Morning Journal: Ohio House approves bill on protective orders for dating violence**

Rep. Emelia Strong Sykes, an Akron Democrat, and Rep. Nathan Manning, a North Ridgeville Republican, are sponsoring the bill.

**Youngstown Vindicator: Pharmacists could offer much cheaper version of EpiPen if Ohio bill becomes law**

The Blade reports the bill introduced last week by state Rep. Derek Merrin would allow substitution only with the patient's permission. Doctors still can insist on the brand-name EpiPen. Merrin, a Republican, says he sees the bill as a national model, "free-market solution" to the Mylan pricing issue.

**The Morning Journal: Ohio Rep. Wes Retherford reintroduces bill aimed at curbing elder abuse**

State Rep. Wes Retherford's Elder Justice Act unanimously cleared the Ohio House last year. ... Retherford, a Hamilton Republican, said changes have been made to the bill to address the issues raised.

**Dayton Daily News: Butler County lawmaker re-introduces elder abuse bill**

Retherford said he and now former Ohio Rep. Mike Dovilla, R-Berea, moved in 2014 to put a \$10 million appropriation for Adult Protective Services in the Mid-Biennium Review bill in anticipation of the Elder Justice Act "because that was the number one concern we heard back."

**Cincinnati Enquirer: Guest column from Rep. John Becker: New right-to-work bill restores workers' rights**

It's about freedom. I authored Ohio House Bill 53 to restore the freedom of association to public-sector employees. This right-to-work legislation provides public-sector workers the freedom to opt out of union representation and dues. A private sector right to work bill will soon be introduced by one of my colleagues in the Ohio House of Representatives.

**Mount Vernon News: Goodwill opens in Fredericktown**

Rick Carfagna, State Representative of House District 68, was there to give the store an official welcome from the Ohio House of Representatives.

**The Findlay Courier: Editorial: SNAP fraud**

Two lawmakers, Rep. Tim Schaffer, R-Lancaster, and Sen. Matt Huffman, R-Lima, have proposed legislation that would add photos to food stamp EBT cards in an effort to

reduce "trafficking," in which recipients swap SNAP benefits for money. The bills are worth consideration.

**Van Wert Independent: State legislators meet with SWCD staff**

State Representative Craig Riedel and State Senator Cliff Hite met this past week with representatives of the Van Wert County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) at the recent annual "Conservation Partnership Meeting" held in downtown Columbus.

**The Morrow County Sentinel: Mount Gilead High School seniors engage education experts in discussion**

Ohio House Representative from District 87, Wesley A. Goodman also discussed state and national perspectives on education with the students.

**Record Herald: Guest column from Speaker Cliff Rosenberger: Coming together to celebrate Ohio history**

It is no secret that I am a history enthusiast, especially when it comes to the stories of our state and nation. This week marked Ohio's 214th birthday, 214 years since its official induction into the United States.

**Circleville Herald: Rep. Scherer honors essay winner**

"I was honored to be able to recognize Kalila for her tremendous work in this competition and I was pleased to be able to discuss her passion for the issues she addressed in her writing piece," Scherer said.

**Sentinel-Tribune: Gavarone appointed to House Finance Committee**

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# GOP Week in Review

2/27/17 – 3/5/17

**The Lima News: McColley helps pass state transportation budget**

McColley also chairs the House Finance Subcommittee on Transportation, which played a key role in crafting the bill. "House Bill 26 strikes a balance between financing Ohio's transportation priorities while being a responsible watchdog of taxpayer dollars," he said. "A lot of creative ideas and input went into the crafting of this budget, and I am confident that it will help Ohio meet its infrastructure needs in the future."

**Gallipolis Daily Tribune: Ohio House passes transportation budget**

"This infrastructure package is an important step to rebuild our communities," said House Finance Chair Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell). "The transportation budget makes an investment of \$7.8 billion that will maintain our roads and improve our economic competitiveness."

**Cincinnati Business Courier: Cincinnati could reap big benefits from Ohio transportation bill**

"We all know there's not enough money to do everything we need to do," said Rep. Doug Green, R-Mount Orab, chairman of the House's transportation committee.

**Toledo Blade: Ohio House approves \$7.8B for transportation**

"This is a declining revenue source," said Rep. Robert McColley (R., Napoleon), the bill's sponsor. "Ohioans are paying less gas tax now than they have in years past. It's actually getting below the \$8 billion mark."

**Circleville Herald: Rep. Scherer Votes for State Transportation Budget**

"I am pleased with the passage and to be a co-sponsor of the transportation budget," said Scherer. "This passage allows for us to put funding back into our state's infrastructure and continue growth all across the state of Ohio."

**The Morning Journal: Ohio lawmaker's highway bill aims to reach suffering veterans**

State Rep. Steve Hambley says it could help remind veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder to reach out for help.

**The Morning Journal: Ohio House approves bill on protective orders for dating violence**

Rep. Emelia Strong Sykes, an Akron Democrat, and Rep. Nathan Manning, a North Ridgeville Republican, are sponsoring the bill.

**Youngstown Vindicator: Pharmacists could offer much cheaper version of EpiPen if Ohio bill becomes law**

The Blade reports the bill introduced last week by state Rep. Derek Merrin would allow substitution only with the patient's permission. Doctors still can insist on the brand-name EpiPen. Merrin, a Republican, says he sees the bill as a national model, "free-market solution" to the Mylan pricing issue.

**The Morning Journal: Ohio Rep. Wes Retherford reintroduces bill aimed at curbing elder abuse**

State Rep. Wes Retherford's Elder Justice Act unanimously cleared the Ohio House last year. ... Retherford, a Hamilton Republican, said changes have been made to the bill to address the issues raised.

**Dayton Daily News: Butler County lawmaker re-introduces elder abuse bill**

Retherford said he and now former Ohio Rep. Mike Dovilla, R-Berea, moved in 2014 to put a \$10 million appropriation for Adult Protective Services in the Mid-Biennium Review bill in anticipation of the Elder Justice Act "because that was the number one concern we heard back."

**Cincinnati Enquirer: Guest column from Rep. John Becker: New right-to-work bill restores workers' rights**

It's about freedom. I authored Ohio House Bill 53 to restore the freedom of association to public-sector employees. This right-to-work legislation provides public-sector workers the freedom to opt out of union representation and dues. A private sector right to work bill will soon be introduced by one of my colleagues in the Ohio House of Representatives.

**Mount Vernon News: Goodwill opens in Fredericktown**

Rick Carfagna, State Representative of House District 68, was there to give the store an official welcome from the Ohio House of Representatives.



**The Findlay Courier: Editorial: SNAP fraud**

Two lawmakers, Rep. Tim Schaffer, R-Lancaster, and Sen. Matt Huffman, R-Lima, have proposed legislation that would add photos to food stamp EBT cards in an effort to reduce "trafficking," in which recipients swap SNAP benefits for money. The bills are worth consideration.

**Van Wert Independent: State legislators meet with SWCD staff**

State Representative Craig Riedel and State Senator Cliff Hite met this past week with representatives of the Van Wert County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) at the recent annual "Conservation Partnership Meeting" held in downtown Columbus.

**The Morrow County Sentinel: Mount Gilead High School seniors engage education experts in discussion**

Ohio House Representative from District 87, Wesley A. Goodman also discussed state and national perspectives on education with the students.

**Record Herald: Guest column from Speaker Cliff Rosenberger: Coming together to celebrate Ohio history**

It is no secret that I am a history enthusiast, especially when it comes to the stories of our state and nation. This week marked Ohio's 214th birthday, 214 years since its official induction into the United States.

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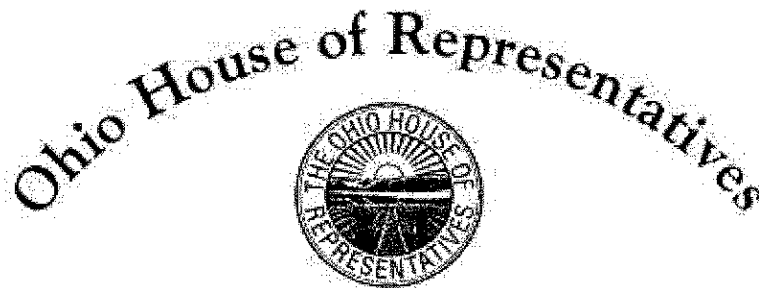
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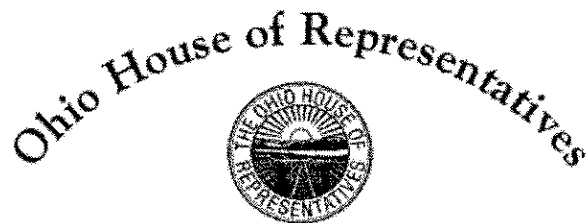
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**Today's Stories**

- [Conference Committee Approves Transportation Budget with 4-2 Vote](#)
- [Poll Finds 2016 Ideological Divisions Remain among Ohio Voters](#)
- [Kasich Addresses AHCA Withdrawal on CNN Sunday, Calls Divisiveness 'Pathetic'](#)
- [Controlling Board Approves Agenda with Rare Lack of Holds from Legislators](#)
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## BioBulletin: March 2017



*Celebrating 30 years supporting Ohio's bioscience community*

Welcome to the March edition of the BioOhio BioBulletin!

**March Trivia** focuses on America's favorite March activity: watching basketball. **\$4B:** Corporate losses due to unproductive workers during March Madness; **\$9.2B:** Estimated amount wagered on the 2016 NCAA tournament; **70M:** Tournament brackets completed in 2016; **2X:** It's 2 times easier to win back-to-back Mega Millions lotteries, buying one ticket both times, than it is to fill out a perfect bracket. It's true what they say... March really is madness.

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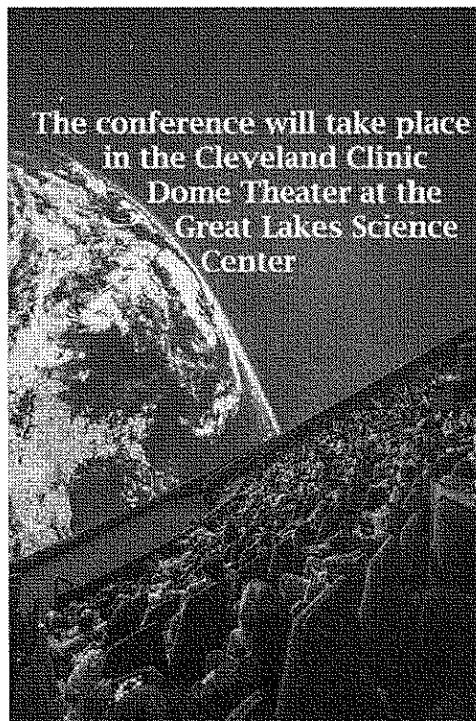
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The 2017 BioOhio Annual Conference and 30th Anniversary Celebration will be a celebration of statewide growth in all areas of bioscience, from medical devices, pharmaceuticals, lab equipment, and regenerative medicine, to agricultural compounds, alternative fuels, wellness products, clinical research, digital health, and wearables.

The two-day event kicks off with tours at Progressive Field, home of the American League Champs, the Cleveland Indians! Featuring stops at Heritage Park, the Right Field District & Corner Bar, and the Home Plate Club, as well as a look at the Batting Cages, Home Dugout, Warning Track, Press Box and Visitor's Clubhouse.



The Progressive Field Tours will be followed by a networking reception at Wild Eagle Saloon, featuring several self-serve draft beer walls and a variety of activities that will inspire fun competition like bocce ball, arcade games, pool, darts, skee-ball and more.



Our venue on the 24th, the Great Lakes Science Center, was established to make science, technology, engineering and math come alive; and during the Conference, it will come alive with excitement and success. Attendees will experience different parts of the Center as breakfast, networking breaks, lunch, and a reception move around this unique facility.

Come join us to celebrate what Ohio's bioscience community has become, engage with friends, make new connections, and set our sights on where the industry is headed.

[Click here](#) to view the agenda, and [click here](#) to register.

# BioOhio Networking Social

May 18 in Columbus at



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Join us to celebrate  
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BioOhio 30<sup>th</sup>

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2017 marks BioOhio's 30th anniversary, and we will be celebrating all year long! BioOhio's fun socials bring Ohio's bioscience players together for networking, talking shop, and getting to know one another in a casual atmosphere.

BioOhio's third social of the year will be held in Columbus at Woodland's Backyard. A local fixture, the venue features mini bowling, plenty of pool tables and arcade games, a spacious patio, and 30 taps pouring a rotating selection the finest craft and domestic brews.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres for all guests; 1 drink ticket for BioOhio members, and that includes employees of member organizations.

[Click here](#) to register.

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**Events Calendar**

March 29 - Webinar: Bioskills and Its Role in Product Development  
 March 29 - Webinar: "Microbiome: Hope or Hype"  
**March 29-30 - Advanced Manufacturing Conference & Expo (Attendance is free with the code CLEVELANDGUEST)**  
 March 29 - MedDevCLE Meetup at the Advanced Design & Manufacturing Show (Cleveland)  
 March 30 - Scientist Solutions presents A Life Science Vendor Show (Columbus)  
 April 4-5 - BIO Legislative Day Fly-In 2017 (Washington, DC)  
 April 5 - Ohio Health Information Technology Day 2017 (Columbus)  
 April 6 - Neuroscience Symposium at Kent State University (Kent)  
 April 19-20 - Course: From Sensors to Wearables to Health Monitoring (Cleveland)  
**April 23-24 - BioOhio Annual Conference and 30th Anniversary Celebration (Cleveland)**  
 April 24-28 - OHTec Tech Week 2017 (Cleveland)  
 April 25-26 - The Medical Capital Innovation Competition (Cleveland)  
 April 26-28 - MDMA 2017 Annual Meeting (Washington, DC) (*BioOhio Members are eligible for a \$100 discount off the nonmember rate*)  
 May 2 - Regulatory Pathways and the Science of Sterilization Forum (Lebanon)  
 May 2-5 - MedCon 2017 presented by Xavier Health (Cincinnati)  
 May 4-6 - 2017 Derby Partnering Summit (Covington, KY) (*Students can attend the Derby Partnering Summit for free*)  
 May 4-6 - Weinstein Cardiovascular Development Conference 2017 (Columbus)  
 May 15-17 - National SBIR/STTR Conference 2017 (Washington, DC)  
 May 17-18 - MedCity Invest 2017 (Chicago, IL)  
**May 18 - BioOhio Networking Social (Columbus)**  
 May 31-June 1 - ChinaBio Partnering Forum (China)  
 June 1 - ProMedica Innovations Summit (Toledo)  
**June 15 - BioOhio FDA Regulatory Forum: Critical Medical Device Updates 2017 presented by R&Q (Cleveland)**  
 June 19-22 - BIO International Convention 2017 (San Diego, CA)  
 June 26-27 - Cell Culture and Cell Therapy: Bioprocessing Conference (Philadelphia) (*BioOhio members are eligible for a 20% discount*)

If you're hosting a bioscience-related event and would like BioOhio's help in promoting it, let us know here.

## **Membership**

We are also pleased to welcome Square 1 Bank, Tedia Company, VetGraft, and student Griffin Rial as the newest members of BioOhio!



Thank you to the following companies who renewed their BioOhio membership this month: [Abeona Therapeutics](#), [Chubb Group of Insurance Companies](#), [Cleveland FES Center](#), [Crystal Diagnostics](#), [Image IQ](#), [Novo Nordisk](#), [PMC SMART Solutions](#), [Skoda Minotti](#), [Tunnell Consulting](#), [Valtronic](#), and BioOhio Board Member [Peter Kleinhenz](#).

As always, thanks to the entire [BioOhio member family](#) that continues to support our efforts.

Everything we do is driven by member requests. [Click here](#) to learn about the many benefits and resources available, whether you are currently a member or thinking about joining.

## **Ohio Bioscience News**

### ***From the BioOhio Blog***

- [Ohio Legislative Update](#) for March 2017
- [Ohio Legislative Update Part 2](#) for March 2017
- [National Legislative Update](#) for March 2017
- [Valtronic Celebrates 35 Years](#) Improving Medical Devices
- [The Expansion of the R&D Tax Credit](#)
- [The CURES Act: What it is and what it means to you!](#)

### ***Ohio bioscience growing strong***

- [Aerpio Pharmaceuticals](#) [raised \\$40M](#), completes [reverse merger](#)
- [P&C Pharma](#) helps patients easily consume medicine
- [Cincinnati](#) brain injury startup [Sense Diagnostics](#) nabs [\\$1.3M investment](#)
- [Cardinal Health](#) [bidding on Medtronic](#) medical-supplies business
- [Soin Neuroscience](#) to launch pharmaceutical business in Dayton
- [Health IT](#) startup [InXite Health Systems](#) to [add 163 new jobs](#)
- [Anatrace](#) acquires [Molecular Dimensions](#), a UK biotech firm
- [Rekovo](#), a startup [turning rehab into digital art](#), lands huge customer
- [Xact Medical](#) uses robotics and ultrasound to guide and insert needles, more [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)
- [Airway Therapeutics](#) just [raised \\$6.3M](#) for R&D to treat premature babies, more [here](#)
- [Why Navidea's](#) looking ahead to entrepreneurial life after [deal with Cardinal Health](#)
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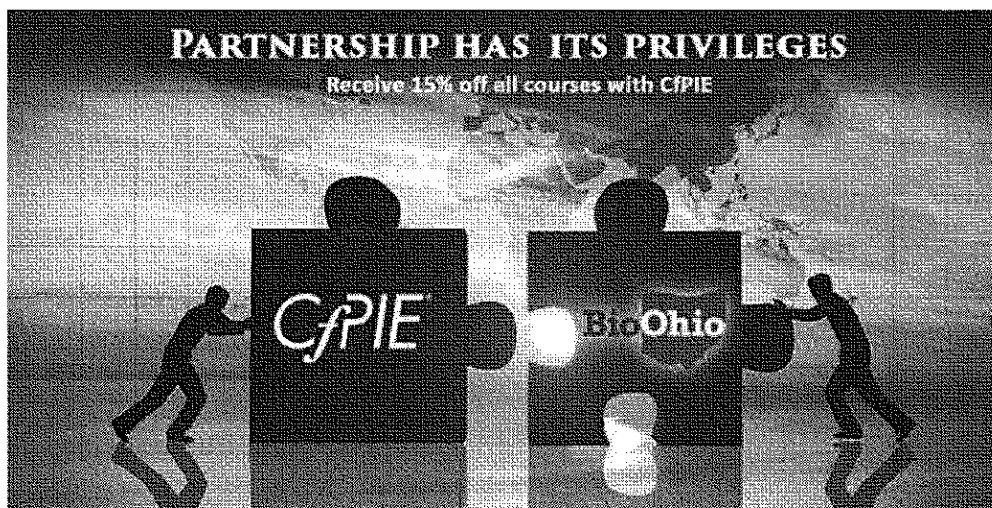
### ***Research and discovery continues in Ohio***

- Abeona Therapeutics on WKYC3 (video)
- Trailhead Biosystems on Cleveland 19 News (video)
- Charles River and BioMotiv discuss creative business models in drug discovery
- Scott Novak to head new Battelle research program on opioid addiction and treatment
- BioMotiv launches Nynex Therapeutics, targets oncogenic proteins in cancer treatment
- First implant of Medtronic Harmony transcatheter pulmonary valve in clinical study at Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Genetesis identifies heart issues using magnetic fields
- Abeona Therapeutics receives EU Orphan Drug designation for gene therapy clinical trial
- Atumate bridges the gap between science & technology

### ***Don't miss these stories***

- CWRU School of Medicine ranked #1 by U.S. News & World Report
- Mike Hooven, founder of AtriCure exits the board, company names two new members
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital massive expansion, up to \$650M investment, 600 jobs
- SmartShape's founder just felt like walking (and walking and walking and walking...)
- BIO launches DrugCostFacts.org to show the facts on drug costs
- Hyland named a Best Company to Work For by Fortune magazine
- SciTech profile, Academic Expertise & Commercial Innovation in Central Ohio

## **Member Savings**



Since 2001, The Center for Professional Innovation and Education (CfPIE) has embraced a singular goal-providing the highest quality education to bioscience professionals. Today, as the global leader in quality life sciences training, they offer the largest range of course options for professional development in the pharmaceutical, medical device, and biotechnology disciplines.

BioOhio has arranged a 15% discount on industry leading skills training courses offered by CfPIE. Courses include specialized education in pharmaceutical, medical device, and biotechnology disciplines. For specifics on exclusive savings available to you through CfPIE, [click here](#).

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## **Job Openings**

**Tosoh SMD - Commodities Manager**

Visit [TosohAmerica.com](http://TosohAmerica.com) to learn more, and [click here](#) to apply online.

**Valtronic - Electrical Engineering Manager**

Visit [Valtronic.com](http://Valtronic.com) to learn more, and send resumes to [hруса@valtronic.com](mailto:hруса@valtronic.com).

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As the Ohio affiliate of AdvaMed, BIO, MDMA and PhRMA, BioOhio participates in advocacy for issues that matter to our members, our industry and the health and prosperity of Ohio.

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- Our national partner BIO has launched [DrugCostFacts.org](#) to help healthcare stakeholders gain a better understanding of the true facts surrounding drug costs, spending and value.

## ***Medical Devices & CMS Reimbursement***

Action item: [G2G](#) & [AdvaMed](#) are collecting stories of challenges faced in obtaining CMS reimbursement for your medical devices, diagnostics and biotechnologies in order to get the Ensuring Patient Access to Critical Breakthrough Products Act re-introduced. For more information contact Liz Powell at [lpowell@g2gconsulting.com](mailto:lpowell@g2gconsulting.com).

## ***Federal Fly-In Opportunities***

Once a year, BIO hosts the [Legislative Day Fly-In](#), inviting biotechnology executives from across the country to come to Washington D.C. for a day and a half of legislative briefings and advocacy.

BIO's 2017 Fly-In will occur April 4-5, 2017, and we are looking forward to another great day of engaging with Members of Congress and their senior staff on the most important legislative issues facing the biotechnology industry.

[Click here](#) for more information and registration details. It is always our goal to make the BIO Fly-in as easy as possible for our visiting attendees; please do not hesitate to contact us with questions.

We hope you've enjoyed this edition of the BioOhio BioBulletin. You received this because of your interest in Ohio bioscience, your organization is a BioOhio member, you have a connection to the bioscience industry, you've attended an event, or you've requested to engage with us. If you'd like to be more involved with BioOhio, reach out to any BioOhio staff member. We look forward to hearing from you!

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### **Rep. Merrin's Bill Ends State Employees' Insurance Free Ride**

COLUMBUS—State Representative Derek Merrin (R-Monclova Township) introduced House Bill 169, which would require many state employees to effectively pay 15 percent of the total cost for their dental, vision, and basic life insurance premiums. The legislation impacts exempt state employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements, including state legislators, agency directors, and executive staff.

State employees currently contribute zero percent toward their dental, vision, and life insurance benefits while contributing 15 percent toward their medical insurance premiums. House Bill 169 requires the same percentage be paid for dental, vision, and life insurance that employees pay for their medical insurance premiums.

"The free ride for state employees must end. Many private-sector employees are not even offered dental and vision benefits – let alone absolutely free," said Representative Merrin.

House Bill 169 is projected to save taxpayers over \$2.6 million annually. Also, the legislation instructs the state to seek the same provision while negotiating future collective bargaining agreements that govern about 35,900 unionized state employees that pay zero percent for their dental, vision, and life insurance benefits. If unionized state employees paid 15 percent for their dental, vision, and life insurance premiums, the state would save an additional \$4.7 million annually.

"State employees already receive a great bargain by paying only 15 percent for their medical insurance," Merrin said. "At the very least, they should pay 15 percent for their dental, vision, and basic life insurance benefits too."

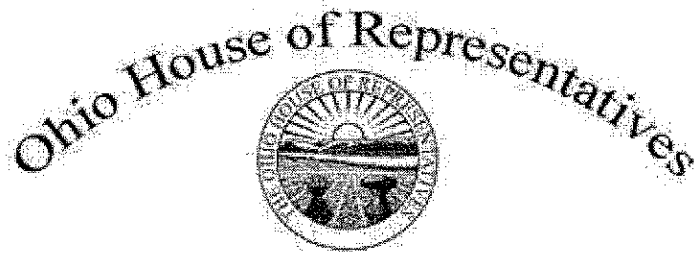
Greg Lawson, Senior Policy Analyst with The Buckeye Institute, said, "Asking state employees to put some 'skin in the game' like practically all private sector workers is not too much to ask. We must contain health care costs and assure fairness for all Ohioans."

Eligible state employees qualify for dental, vision, and life insurance after completing one year of service with the state. As of March, 2017, approximately 13,000 exempt state employees were covered under the state's dental, vision, and basic life insurance plans.

House Bill 169 is co-sponsored by 15 state representatives and awaits committee designation.

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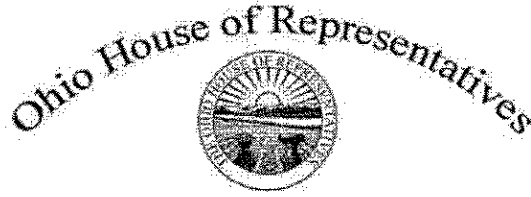
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Yesterday Buckeye's Greg Lawson had a piece in *The Columbus Dispatch* looking at how Ohio policymakers can create tax policies that help our economy grow.

### Greg Lawson: Ohio has ways to go to improve tax policy

*The Columbus Dispatch*

By Greg Lawson

April 18, 2017

Now that it is springtime, even if we are fortunate to avoid another blast of cold weather, we are unable to avoid the only thing Benjamin Franklin said is as sure in this world as death: Taxes.

Thanks to the typical tax day falling on a weekend and the federal holiday, Emancipation Day, being observed on Monday, April 17, today is this year's day of reckoning. So even though he is late, the taxman most assuredly is coming!

Lucky for us, Ohio policymakers, including Gov. John Kasich, have been busy trying to make this burden less onerous over the past several years. They have made real strides in this direction and deserve a round of applause for what has been accomplished.

Yet, more should be done, especially when it comes to our complex local taxes. Kasich and the General Assembly have continued to dramatically reduce what as recently as a decade ago was one of the highest state- and local tax burdens relative to other states. As recently as 2005, the personal income tax's top marginal rate was more than 7 percent. It is now less than 5 percent.

Ohio policymakers built upon tax cuts made under former Gov. Bob Taft, eliminated the death tax, and provided significant small-business tax relief. Ohio policymakers also wisely recognized the importance of shifting from income taxes — which are one of the worst taxes when it comes to promoting economic growth — to consumption taxes, and they made marginal improvements to Ohio's singularly unique and terrible municipal income tax.

Naturally, there is more to do.

First, The Buckeye Institute calls on policymakers to continue embracing our principles of good tax policy which include:

- Pro-growth — A tax system should minimize tax distortions, avoid high rates and discourage tax avoidance. A good tax plan will reduce tax rates on investment and labor, which are key components for economic prosperity and job creation.
- Simplicity — The tax code should be simplified by reducing loopholes, credits, and deductions. Complying with the tax code should not be burdensome. A simpler tax code makes it easier for both government administration and taxpayer compliance. A more complicated tax code increases the risk of special interest carve-outs and favors.
- Transparency — The tax code should be clear, enabling taxpayers to easily identify the specific taxes they pay. Ohioans should be able to understand debates over changes in tax policy and know how their elected officials are representing their interests.
- Fairness and equitability — A good tax code promotes equity by ensuring that taxpayers in similar situations are treated similarly, income is not taxed multiple times, and industries are not singled out for preferential tax treatment.

Alternatively, industries and individuals should not be punished and subject to punitive tax rates with government picking winners and punishing losers. People and businesses with equivalent earnings should pay similar taxes. Rates should not force individuals and businesses to change filing status for better tax treatment.

While Ohio's state tax rates have dramatically improved, Ohio remains a state with a high local tax burden. In and of itself, this is not terrible. Ohioans actually get many of their services from local government, not the state. That said, according to the Ohio Department of Taxation, Ohio's local tax burden ranks 13th nationally as a percentage of income. That is contrast to a state tax ranking of only 34. Overall, our tax burden ranks 24th and is clearly driven higher due more to our local tax system than our state tax system.

But the real problem is worse than just the rates. The burden of compliance and administration of some of these taxes, particularly the municipal income tax, can be massive and represent a bigger challenge than just the tax rates themselves. This is why a renewed effort to simplify the municipal income tax and its byzantine maze of compliance — including Kasich's budget proposal that would move toward a singular centralized collection process for businesses through the state — is long overdue.

Though even if this were to be implemented, we still have the problem of double-taxation, since one can be taxed both where he or she works and where one lives if one is unfortunate enough to reside in a community that doesn't offer a full credit.

So let us be happy for how far we've come. Tax policy is getting better in Ohio. The taxman is taking a smaller bite out of Ohioans' wallets. But just as cold air can still hit us in April, bad tax policy can reverse our gains and add to the many other challenges Ohio faces as it tries to improve its economy.

*Greg R. Lawson is the senior policy analyst at The Buckeye Institute*

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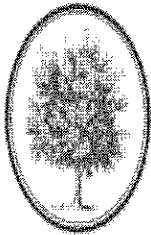
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Go ahead. We'll wait right here.

We don't want you to be afflicted with what the kids these days call FOMO.

The Buckeye Institute is co-hosting a panel discussion with a serious lineup of all-stars. We're talking about criminal justice, and you will want to be there to hear it for yourself.

Your Ohio State 2002 national championship running back Maurice Clarett is in the house. Maurice will share his personal story. Feel free to bring a tissue if you have a bleeding heart (don't worry about bringing one for us, we don't possess emotions--only solid free-market public policy ideas).

Not to be upstaged, Ohio Department of Rehabilitations and Corrections (DRC) Director Gary Mohr is coming too. He will address the logistics of running the state's prison system and his hope for reforms in the upcoming season.

Although Mohr is still awaiting his nomination to the corrections hall of fame, we're pretty sure it's a done deal.

Then there is the one and only Buckeye Institute President & CEO Robert Alt who has spent the better part of his career advancing evidence-based legal reforms toward the end zone--one first down at a time.

These gentlemen all-stars are sticking around at a reception outside the Davidson Theater following the formal event too, so you might be able to chat with them personally.

We're not even charging you to attend this one. That's right, it's on the house. So bring any of your friends and coworkers, invite all the neighbors, and heck even reach out to your in-laws or the OSU football fans you know who would love to hear more about how we need to score major criminal justice reforms.

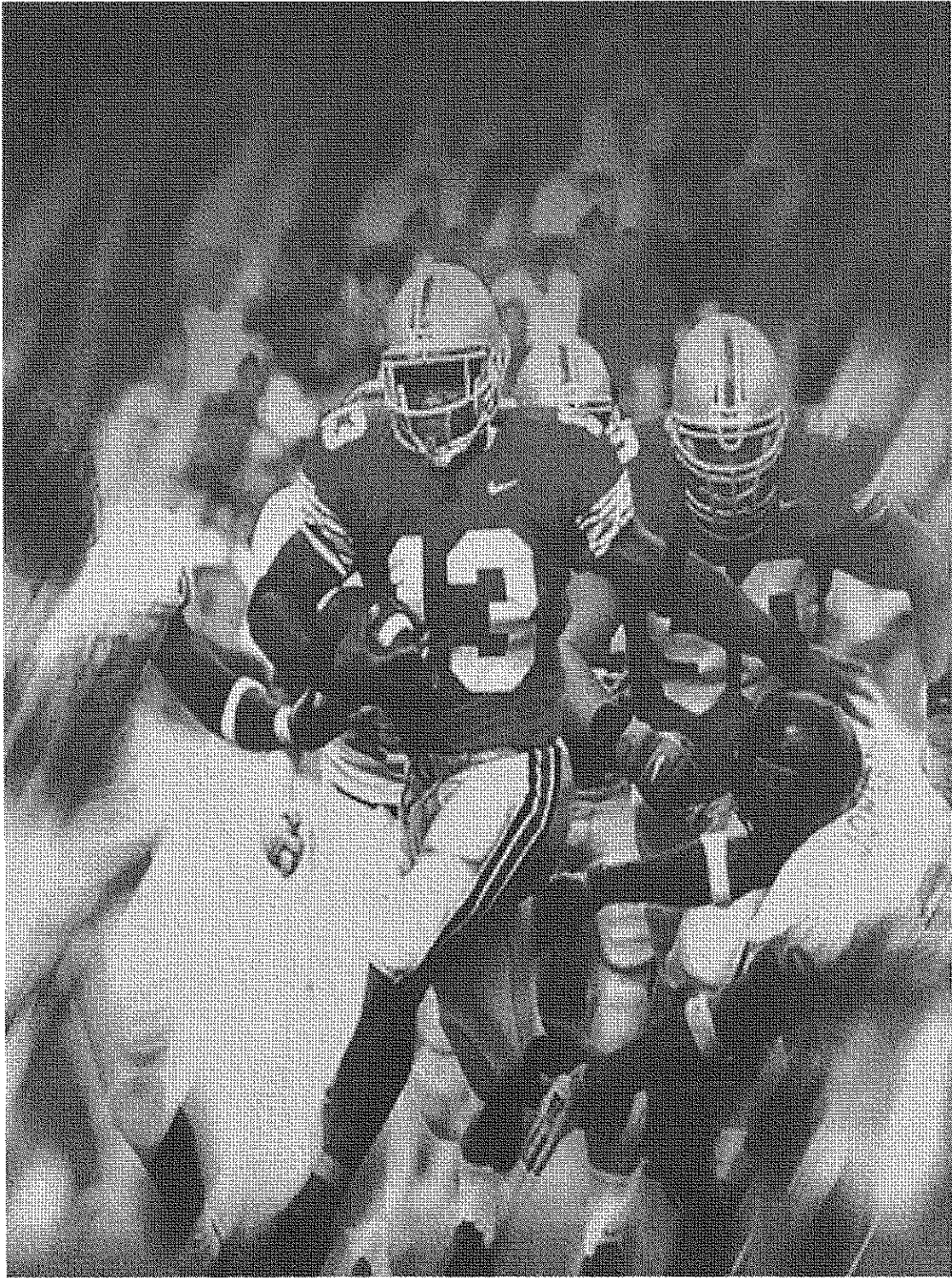
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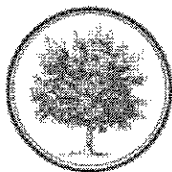
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### **The Buckeye Institute's Piglet Book Serves as Blueprint for Cutting the State Budget**

**Columbus, OH** - As state lawmakers work to cut \$800 million from Ohio's budget, The Buckeye Institute today rolled out a series of recommendations policymakers could look at to save taxpayer dollars and trim the needed money. The recommendations are a part of Buckeye's 2017 Piglet Book, which was released in March, and if implemented, could save taxpayers more than \$1 billion, a more realistic target than \$800 million, given recent revenue shortfalls.

"The reality is, Office of Budget and Management revenue estimates have been too optimistic and policymakers need to cut \$1 billion from the proposed state budget. Cutting \$1 billion will offset additional spending and revenue shortfalls, which we should anticipate," said Robert Alt, President and Chief Executive Officer at The Buckeye

Institute. "The good news is, Buckeye has a blueprint - our Piglet Book - that can guide the legislature as it looks for needed cuts."

### **Recommendation #1**

*Eliminate Funding to the Ohio Arts Council: Savings to Taxpayers: \$25.9 Million*

The Ohio Arts Council receives taxpayer monies through income and sales tax revenue, which is then distributed to specifically-selected artists and galleries. While the work on the Arts Council has value, the government should not be an arbiter of culture. Artistic and cultural endeavors can and should be underwritten by donors giving voluntarily rather than by government fiat.

### **Recommendation #2**

*Slow the Rate of Growth in Education Funding: Savings to Taxpayers: \$208.7 Million*

In FY16, Ohio spent \$10.5 billion funding the Department of Education. In the FY18-19 budget, Governor John Kasich asked for \$11.2 billion in FY18 and \$11.4 billion in FY19 for a total of \$22.6 billion. By slowing the rate of growth in education funding, Ohioans could save \$208.7 million.

The Buckeye Institute recommends \$11.1 billion in funding in FY18 (an increase of \$527.4 million over FY16) and \$11.3 billion in FY19 (an increase of \$748.9 million).

"A quality education is about far more than simply throwing more money at the education bureaucracy," said Greg R. Lawson, Senior Policy Analyst at The Buckeye Institute. Simply slowing spending growth and shifting funding towards students rather than the 'system' can yield not only taxpayer savings, but--more importantly--better educational outcomes for our students. It is time to start moving in this direction."

### **Recommendation #3**

*Eliminate Funding to the Ohioana Library Association: Savings to Taxpayers: \$595,228*

While not a huge cost savings when compared to the budget killers of Medicaid and education funding, eliminating funding to private organizations, such as Ohioana Library adds up to real cost savings.

The Ohioana Library Association's work, while laudable, is not a core government service that requires taxpayer subsidies. As with the Ohio Arts Council, private individuals and the private sector should guide investment for this work.

### **Recommendation #4**

*Slow the Rate of Growth in Medicaid Funding: Savings to Taxpayers: \$1.6 Billion*

More than two decades ago then-Governor George Voinovich called Medicaid the Pac-Man of Ohio's budget. It remains so today, eating up more than 47 percent of Ohio tax dollars.

In FY16, Ohio spent \$22.8 billion funding the Department of Medicaid. In the FY18-19 budget, Governor John Kasich asked for \$25 billion in FY18 and \$25.7 billion in FY19 for a total of \$50.7 billion. By slowing the rate of growth, Ohioans could save \$1.6 billion.

The Buckeye Institute recommends \$24.1 billion in funding in FY18 (an increase of \$1.4 billion over FY16) and \$24.9 billion in FY19 (an increase of \$2.1 billion).

"When Governor Kasich released his proposed budget, I previously said of Medicaid funding, 'Ohio continues to pick up additional financial burdens that will gobble up an increasing amount of state resources and crowd out other essential investments and priorities,'" said Rea S. Hederman Jr., Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at The Buckeye Institute. "Revenue shortfalls have exacerbated that situation. It is time for Ohio to get serious about controlling Medicaid spending and implementing innovative proposals, such as using 1332 waivers to gain greater flexibility under Obamacare."

### **Recommendation #5**

*Eliminate Funding to the Ohio Grape Industries: Savings to Taxpayers: \$2.4 Million*  
Ohioans pay to market Ohio wines through a five-cent tax on each bottle of wine, something wine producers should pay for themselves.

Taxpayers should not be expected to pay for corporate welfare of any kind, and the government should not favor one business or industry over another. If a company or industry makes a good product, people will buy it. The use of taxpayer money to support favored businesses is both ethically inappropriate and economically harmful.

These recommendations, along with others found in the 2017 Piglet Book, would save Ohio taxpayers \$3.8 billion, more than quadruple the needed \$800 million for which Governor Kasich and leaders in the Ohio House and Senate have called.

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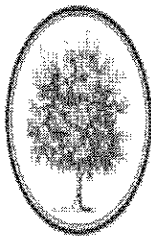
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Not to be upstaged, Ohio Department of Rehabilitations and Corrections (DRC) Director Gary Mohr is coming too. He will address the logistics of running the state's prison system and his hope for reforms in the upcoming season.

Although Mohr is still awaiting his nomination to the corrections hall of fame, we're pretty sure it's a done deal.

Then there is the one and only Buckeye Institute President & CEO Robert Alt who has spent the better part of his career advancing evidence-based legal reforms toward the end zone--one first down at a time.

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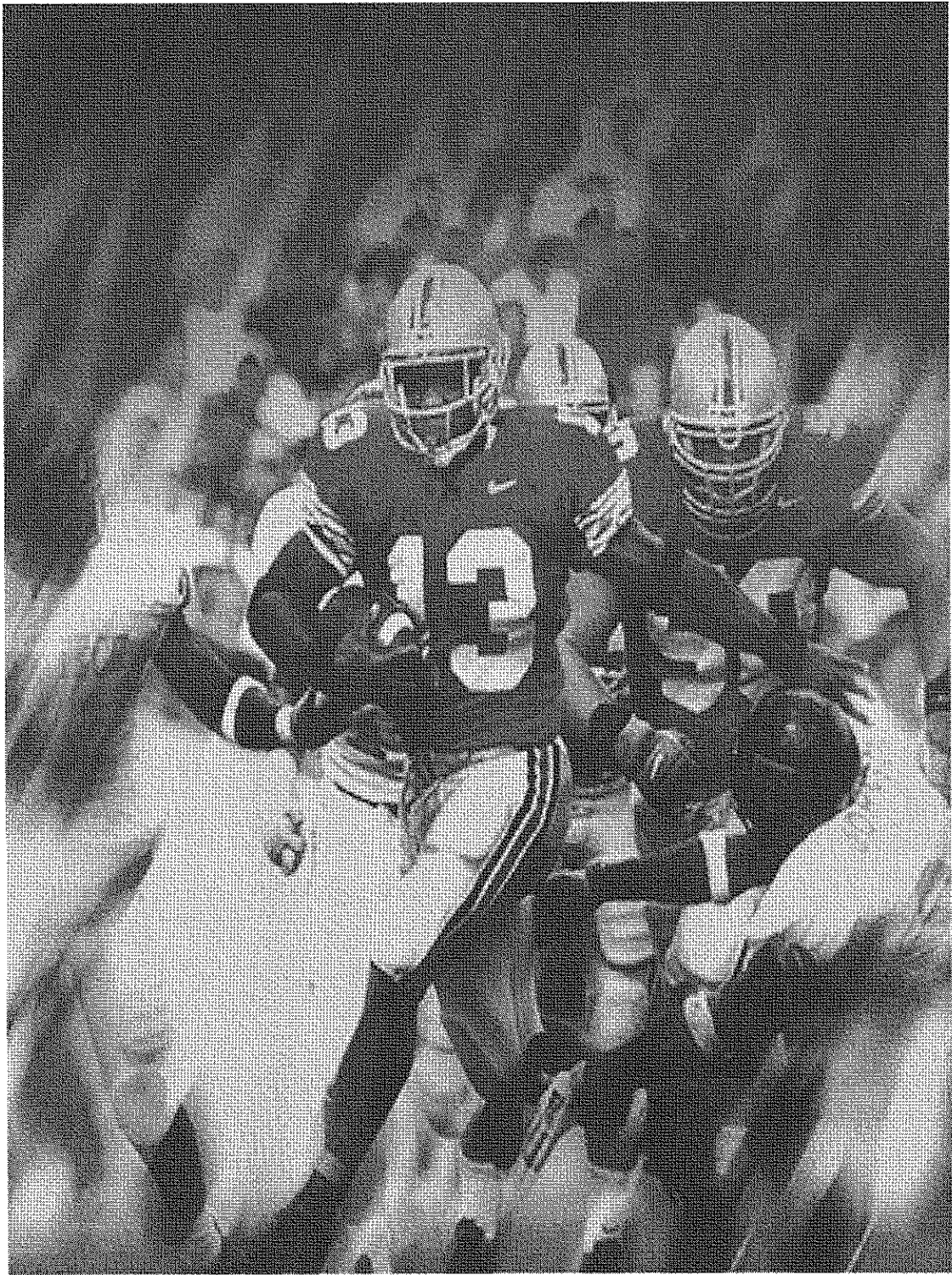
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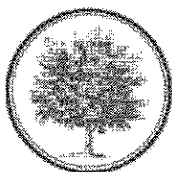
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### House Substitute Budget: A Missed Opportunity for Bold Reform

**By Greg R. Lawson**  
**April 28, 2017**

On April 25, the **Ohio House Finance Committee** unveiled its first round of amendments ([download PDF](#)) to the Governor's proposed biennial operating budget, House Bill 49. Even with a few bright spots, the House's first attempt is not nearly as bold as the 2015 budget, it does not make the necessary spending cuts that leadership recently acknowledged, and it will soon be lamented for missing an opportunity to achieve real reform.

#### Overview

First, the good news. House Bill 49 rightly eliminates most-but not all-of the "tax shifting" that permeated the Governor's proposal. The bill also retains the basic contours of the Governor's school funding proposal, including better mechanisms for allowing state money to follow the student. The House also re-asserts the General Assembly's control over federal dollars by reining in Ohio's Controlling Board. And finally, the

House largely adopts the Governor's proposed criminal justice reforms that will keep low-level, non-violent offenders from state prisons.

Now, the bad news. The Governor and legislative leadership recently warned that Ohio needed to reduce spending by roughly \$800 million. The spending cuts in House Bill 49 fall well short of that mark. Much of the proposal's \$2.5 billion of "savings" can be attributed to accounting tricks and fiscal slight-of-hand, and such "on paper savings" don't amount to significant real savings.

The House budget, for example, does little to give the state a better grip on Medicaid spending-the "Pac-Man" of Ohio's budget-and the last biennial budget offered better Medicaid reforms than this one. Thus, the House misses an opportunity to make the kind of meaningful spending cuts that will make it easier for Ohio to pursue fundamental tax reforms.

The Governor's proposal begins to reform Ohio's arcane municipal income tax structure-the House guts that proposal, and then litters the budget with a trail of dubious licensing fee increases. The last House budget recognized Ohio's urgent need to reform her labor laws in order to compete with her reform-minded neighbors-but not this budget. No real tax or labor reforms here, just more opportunities missed.

Fortunately, the current House Bill 49 is not the final word on the matter. The House plans to move the budget next week, leaving a limited-but possible-opportunity for cooler heads to prevail and better policies to be included. With such hope in mind, a fuller analysis of key features of House Bill 49 follows.

**The Buckeye Institute urges members of the House to continue look for additional savings-did we mention our Piglet Book?-and to embrace far more robust Medicaid and labor reforms.**

### **Eliminates Most Tax Shifting**

We generally support tax proposals designed to move Ohio from an income-tax structure to more of a consumption-tax state. But we have long-standing concerns about making that shift too quickly. In our view, any sound, structural tax reform must first be preceded by lower government spending to help resist the inevitable temptation to balance the budget and pay for tax reform by increasing taxes.

We therefore commend the House for eliminating much of the "tax shifting" that effectively allows the government to pick "winners" and "losers" in the market. The

House budget, for example, does not include a new tax on vapor, or a severance tax hike, or a tobacco tax increase. Well done. The House also eliminated the Governor's plan to expand the sales tax to include most services-with the unfortunate exception of extending the state sales tax to online travel agencies.

### **Municipal Income Tax Reform**

One of the Governor's better ideas in the FY 2018-2019 budget proposed moving to centralize the tax collection process for businesses across the state. Ohio's municipal income tax structure is among the nation's worst and most burdensome-and, as we have argued repeatedly, simplifying this byzantine system is long overdue.

Unfortunately, the House's substitute budget eviscerates the Governor's reform and then proceeds to charge taxpayers for trying to file a single state tax form-essentially taxing the taxpayer as he attempts to pay his taxes. Insult, meet injury.

We suggest either returning to the Governor's proposal or centralizing tax collections in a single location without levying any additional administrative fees for filing taxes.

### **Budget "Savings" and Spending Restraint**

House Bill 49 purports to cut an additional \$2.5 billion from the Governor's proposal over the next two years, with nearly \$923 million of those "savings" coming from reductions in the General Revenue Fund. Thus, the House budget appears to remain in stride with inflation.

Many of the so-called spending cuts, however, may be more illusory than they at first appear. The House budget claims to save more than \$1 billion from Medicaid, for example, but it remains unclear whether these are real savings or merely deft accounting tricks.

Similarly, \$944 million of the \$2.5 billion "savings" are attributed to reducing the amount the state spends as fiduciary for collecting municipal income net profits taxes. House Bill 49 does reduce the overall appropriations for this function, but this hardly qualifies as "state spending" when these are local tax dollars that the state simply collects and then redistributes to the appropriate localities.

To be sure, the House budget does take some laudable steps forward to restrain spending. The House froze, for instance, the **State Share of Instruction**, which subsidizes Ohio Institutions of Higher Learning; and eliminated unnecessary subsidies for the Ohioana Library Association. Such subsidies give public institutions less



incentive to economize, reduce costs, increase quality, and otherwise behave like rational actors in a free marketplace.

The House also curtailed the Controlling Board's unilateral authority to use more than \$10 million of unexpected federal funds. This reform empowers the General Assembly- and not the Controlling Board-when deciding which federal programs Ohio should join. Had this measure been in place several years ago, Ohio most likely would not have participated in the disastrous Medicaid expansion that was joined against the will of the General Assembly.

We remain encouraged by the House's tribute to fiscal restraint, but earmarks continue to burrow their way into the budget and more cost-cutting is needed in order to bring state spending down to responsible, sustainable levels. See our **Piglet Book** for more examples of how Columbus can trim the fat.

### **Criminal Justice Reform**

We applaud the House for affirming the Governor's proposal to rehabilitate low-level offenders locally rather than in state-run facilities. More than 95 percent of those who go to prison return to our communities. Low-level offenders who serve time in state prisons often return even more hardened and more dangerous than when they began their sentence.

Ohio must pursue policies that protect communities while keeping as many low-level offenders out of prison as safely possible. As we have **explained**, community treatment is twice as effective at one-third the cost, making our communities safer and saving taxpayer money in the long run.

The Governor's budget would require non-violent, non-sex offenders to be rehabilitated locally, and authorize the **Department of Rehabilitation and Correction** to grant counties money to offset the added costs of rehabilitation. State judges participating in a pilot rehabilitation program support the Governor's proposal, while the Ohio Judicial Conference and Prosecuting Attorneys Association have opposed the measure. House Bill 49 struck a compromise that will allow counties to send up to 15 percent of their non-violent, non-sex offenders to prison-a compromise that we believe will save money and make our communities safer.

### **Education Reform**

House Bill 49 rightly embraces the contours of Governor Kasich's education proposal. That proposal begins unwinding the inherent problems of "caps" and

"guarantees" that distort the accuracy of the Foundation Funding Formula (the designated amount spent on each public school student from the General Revenue Fund and lottery profits). "Guarantees" allow districts with declining enrollment to maintain previous funding levels despite serving fewer students, and "caps" prevent districts with growing enrollment levels from receiving the formula's full amount.

Although we applaud the House's effort here, we wish that it was not exceeding the Governor's already respectable Foundation Funding by expanding "racino" gambling that may expose the state to expensive litigation. Two cheers for education reform!

### **Medicaid Reform**

We remain cautiously optimistic-or perhaps hopefully skeptical-that the House's Medicaid spending cuts will actually materialize. House Bill 49 allows Mr. Kasich's Administration to seek a waiver from Washington to add several requirements-including work requirements-to the state's expanded Medicaid population. This is a reasonable, but insufficient first step toward reversing Ohio's Medicaid expansion, and the bill's loose language is riddled with loopholes that threaten to render the reforms ineffective. Compounding our skepticism, the House failed to include the last budget's *Healthy Ohio* waiver that the Obama Administration denied.

Ohio policymakers should be taking full advantage of the current climate in Washington and pushing for innovative Medicaid "**1332 waivers**" to alleviate some of the onerous burdens of Medicaid by helping people get out of the program. For the first time in years, the federal government wants to increase state flexibility in Medicaid programs, and House Bill 49 fails to take advantage of a golden opportunity to pursue bolder reforms that will pare back Medicaid. Again-opportunity averted.

### **Health Care Transparency Reform**

House Bill 49 regrettably waters-down some positive reforms designed to make health care more transparent. Though not a cure for rising health care costs, transparency and patient access to more information can help the market and consumer preferences drive down costs. Another opportunity needlessly wasted.

### **Licensing Reform**

As **we have argued**, Ohio must address her burdensome occupational licensing scheme. By consolidating several licensing boards and commissions, Governor Kasich and House Bill 49 have taken baby-steps toward helping workers achieve their full professional potential. We continue to advocate administrative savings, and have championed lowering-rather than raising-licensing fees for prospective licensees. The

House budget also makes telemedicine services more available and expands occupational freedom for certified nurse practitioners by allowing them to help more patients receive medicine. We see these reforms helping health care providers monitor and treat patients more efficiently and effectively, which will ultimately reduce health care costs.

### **Labor Reform**

House Bill 49 lacks any meaningful labor reform. Where previous budgets made at least some effort to amend Ohio laws on "project labor agreements" or making prevailing wages optional at the local level, this House budget is eerily silent. Even relatively minor labor reforms can help ease burdens on businesses and local governments, thereby reducing costs and spurring economic growth. Labor reform is an opportunity that the House can ill afford to miss.

### **Conclusion**

Fortunately, House Bill 49 will not have the last say on these matters. The full House must still vote on the budget before sending it to the Senate, which gives policymakers time and, *ahem*, opportunity to improve upon the current draft.

The Legislative Service Commission has compiled **these resources** for exploring the gritty details of the budget, including a comparison of House Bill 49 and the Governor's initial proposal.

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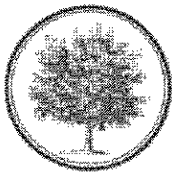
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With May flowers and barely-observed holidays comes new growth in our organization. We told you a few weeks ago about our impressive new VP of Comms Lisa Gates, and now--hot off the press--we can announce that Quinn Beeson is joining us later this week as Buckeye's new Economic Research Analyst.

However, for your May Day enjoyment (in lieu of that lovely basket for which you were hoping), we have another position that we just opened today for your consideration. Take a look, send it on to anyone you think might be a good fit, or apply yourself. We are searching for the best person we can find and expect a competitive process, but we hope that it might be you who wins the position! Feel free to encourage others to apply as well.

In other news, last week the Ohio House passed its version of the state budget... which, in the words of Buckeye's own Greg Lawson, "will soon be lamented for missing an opportunity to achieve real reform." That's not our gift to you.

Our second special May Day gift to the world is that Greg pulls no punches in his analysis of the House version in a new blog found here: [House Substitute Budget: A Missed Opportunity for Bold Reform.](#)

We recommend enjoying it along with an aptly named cocktail!

There were some bright spots in the House budget, but unfortunately it failed to cut the \$800 million that the Governor and legislative leadership recently said was necessary. And the \$2.5 billion of "savings" it did find can be attributed to accounting tricks and fiscal slight-of-hand. If you took a small sip of that aforementioned cocktail for every dollar that... wait, no. Don't do that.

If only a nationally recognized policy organization had offered a blueprint on where cost savings could be found in the budget... ahem, see our Piglet Book!

Fortunately, the House version is not the final budget, so policymakers still have time to take bold action. If you love policy analysis and budget reviews as much as we do, you'll want to read Greg's full analysis here.

Happy May Day to one and all!

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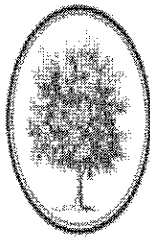
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You're invited!

With the Ohio House passing its version of the budget, we know you are looking for something to do Wednesday evening.

You're in luck, we have the perfect evening planned.

The Buckeye Institute, along with U.S. Justice Action Network, are hosting a panel discussion with a serious lineup of all-stars. We're talking about criminal justice, and you will want to be there to hear it for yourself.

Your Ohio State 2002 national championship running back Maurice Clarett is in the house. Maurice will share his personal story. Feel free to bring a tissue if you have a

bleeding heart (don't worry about bringing one for us, we don't possess emotions--only solid free-market public policy ideas).

Not to be upstaged, Ohio Department of Rehabilitations and Corrections (DRC) Director Gary Mohr is coming too. He will address the logistics of running the state's prison system and his hope for reforms in the upcoming season.

Although Mohr is still awaiting his nomination to the corrections hall of fame, we're pretty sure it's a done deal.

Then there is the one and only Buckeye Institute President & CEO Robert Alt who has spent the better part of his career advancing evidence-based legal reforms toward the end zone--one first down at a time.

These gentlemen all-stars are sticking around at a reception outside the Davidson Theater following the formal event too, so you might be able to chat with them personally.

We're not even charging you to attend this one. That's right, it's on the house. So bring any of your friends and coworkers, invite all the neighbors, and heck even reach out to your in-laws or the OSU football fans you know who would love to hear more about how we need to score major criminal justice reforms.

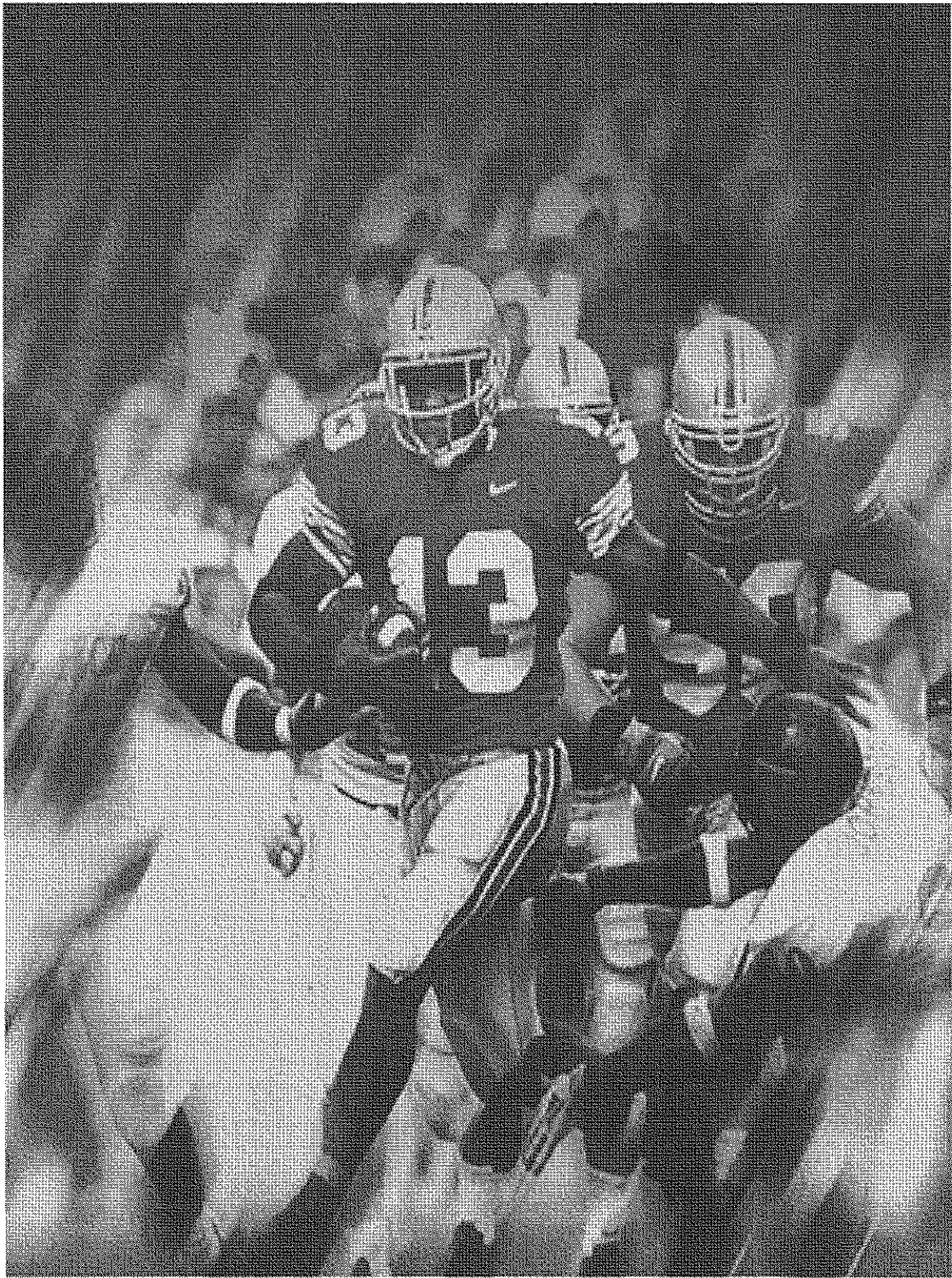
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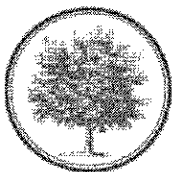
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The **Red Tape Rollback** campaign, which **The Buckeye Institute** is a proud partner of, is defending the U.S. Constitution and ensuring that unaccountable government bureaucrats aren't imposing burdensome regulations on citizens.

As a part of this campaign, the **Pacific Legal Foundation** is defending the Congressional Review Act in the case *Center for Biological Diversity v. Zinke*. You can read their news release below and learn more about Red Tape Rollback campaign at [www.redtaperollback.com](http://www.redtaperollback.com).

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### PLF STEPS UP TO DEFEND CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT IN COURT

*As a leading CRA champion, PLF will litigate against an  
environmental group's confused constitutional challenge*

**Anchorage, Alaska; May 4, 2017:** Pacific Legal Foundation has just stepped forward to defend the Congressional Review Act (CRA), the 1996 statute that allows Congress to rein in bureaucracies by voiding harmful regulations.

PLF is the first of two groups to move to intervene against a federal lawsuit by an environmental activist group - the Center for Biological Diversity - which claims, astonishingly, that Congress and the president violate the Constitution when they pass a law that rescinds a bureaucracy's regulation. With its motion to intervene, PLF has also filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit, arguing that CBD's challenge has no basis in the Constitution, the Congressional Review Act, or court precedent and should be immediately bootied out of court. PLF is the only group in the litigation that has sought a dismissal.

"CBD's lawsuit seeks to turn the Constitution on its head, placing unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats above Congress," said PLF attorney Jonathan Wood. "Under our Constitution, administrative agencies only have power that Congress chooses to delegate to them. Congress is free to limit its delegation of power as it sees fit. What Congress gives, it can take away, or curtail. Using the Congressional Review Act to strike down an agency's regulatory decrees is an example of that constitutional principle in action."

Under the CRA, agencies must submit every rule they adopt to Congress for review. Congress then has a brief time to use expedited procedures to enact a resolution of disapproval and send it to the president for his signature. Congress and President Trump have used the CRA 13 times to void Obama Administration rules. CBD's lawsuit focuses on the rescinding of a regulation against hunting and trapping of predator species in Alaska's national refuges - a restriction that interfered with the state's ability to manage wildlife and outlawed responsible hunting practices, undermining opportunities to responsibly hunt for food or pursue income from guided hunts.

In seeking to intervene in *Center for Biological Diversity v. Zinke*, in defense of the CRA's constitutionality, PLF represents itself along with several key hunting organizations and individuals. They include: Alaska Outdoor Council, Big Game Forever, and Alaska Master Guides Kurt Whitehead and Joe Letarte, both of whom also hunt in their personal time.

### **CRA is fully consistent with the Constitution**

"Schoolhouse Rock has taught generations of children how a bill becomes a law under the Constitution," said Todd Gaziano, PLF's DC Director and Senior Fellow in Constitutional Law, as well as the director of PLF's Red Tape Rollback project. "CBD could use a refresher. When a majority of both houses of Congress pass a bill disapproving an agency rule and the president signs it, we call that a law, and this applies as much to legislation passed under the CRA as to any other form of legislation. Laws enacted using the Congressional Review Act's procedures are fully consistent with the Constitution."

PLF's intervention in this litigation reflects its established role as a leading CRA champion. The Red Tape Rollback project, founded and overseen by PLF, is a multipronged program to educate Congress and the public on dynamic ways to deploy the CRA against regulatory overreach. A significant coalition of think tanks and public interest groups has joined this project, including The Club for Growth, The Heritage Foundation, The Buckeye Institute, Competitive Enterprise Institute, and State Policy Network as Founding Partners; and Cause of Action Institute, R Street, Independent Women's Forum, and Center of the American Experiment as Partners.

"The Congressional Review Act is essential to restoring our elected representatives to their proper role overseeing the administrative state," Gaziano said. "As the foremost independent advocate for strategic use of the CRA, and as a leading litigator against regulatory abuses by the administrative state in general, PLF brings a unique interest and expertise to this litigation. For this reason, PLF's intervention is more than appropriate - it is essential."

The case is *Center for Biological Diversity v. Zinke*.

### **Case Documents**

- [Motion to Intervene](#)
- [Motion to Dismiss](#)
- [Declaration of Gaziano for PLF](#)



### **About Pacific Legal Foundation**

Pacific Legal Foundation, America's most powerful ally for justice, litigates in courts nationwide for limited government, property rights, individual liberty, and a balanced approach to environmental regulations. PLF represents all clients free of charge.

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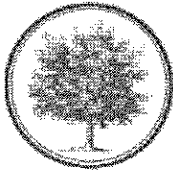
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### **Buckeye Praises Sentencing Commission Report and Offers Recommendations**

**Columbus, OH** - On Monday, The Buckeye Institute's Legal Center filed comments with the **Ohio Sentencing Commission** supporting its report *Ad Hoc Committee on Bail and Pretrial Services Final Report*. The Buckeye Institute also suggested two amendments to the new rules (see full comments below or **download the PDF**).

"This report details significant problems in our current bail system and outlines critical evidence-based solutions that are sorely needed in Ohio," said Robert Alt, president and chief executive officer at The Buckeye Institute. "One-third of people in Ohio jails have not been convicted of a crime. Yet, taxpayer dollars are paying for these people to be taken away from their jobs and families simply because they can't afford bail. What Ohio needs is a system that uses proven risk assessment tools, such as those developed by the **Arnold**

**Foundation**, instead of using money to determine who can be safely released into the community."

Buckeye suggested two amendments to the new rules.

- First, the proposed rules unfortunately maintain outdated bail bond schedules that do not make an accurate, individual assessment of each defendant's flight risk or the risk he or she poses to the community. Instead, the rules should do away with bail bond schedules and require the courts to use vetted risk assessment tools to assess every defendant individually.
- Second, bail bonds serve two valid purposes -- protecting the community and ensuring that defendants return to court. However, new information and technology have made cash bail an antiquated practice with limited utility. Risk assessment tools, like those used in Lucas County, have proven to be more effective than current cash bail practices by every metric. The proposed rules should recognize that cash deposits do not make defendants less dangerous, and should therefore require that cash bail be used only as a last resort.

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### **The Buckeye Institute Comments on Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission: Ad Hoc Committee on Bail and Pretrial Services Final Report**

Ohio's Criminal Sentencing Commission has proposed rule changes that will help make our communities safer, our criminal justice system more just, and our local jails less crowded.

The Buckeye Institute supports the Commission's proposed changes, but we suggest two amendments to the new rules.

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### **Risk Assessment Tools**

Knowledge is power, and at the risk of sounding like a pizza commercial: better information, better decision-making. Businesses have long understood this and have gone to great lengths to enhance the data and information at their disposal in order to improve profit margins, create better experiences and products for their customers, and become more effective and efficient at whatever they do. Our favorite sports teams have more recently discovered the not-so-secret benefits of data collection. Teams now routinely use "analytics" to maximize their defense or point-scoring efficiency. Baseball teams employ the infield "shift" on some opposing power hitters who statistically do not hit to the opposite field. Basketball statisticians have shown that taking an uncontested three-point shot has more value and probability of success than shooting a contested layup. Analytics.

But "big data" is not just for "big business." Ohio can use data and analytics in her criminal justice system in much the same way that the Indians and Reds know when to shift the infield. The shortstop doesn't play behind second base against every batter.

Similarly, vetted risk assessment tools allow courts to collect statistically significant information from defendants in order to better determine whether a particular defendant poses much of a risk to the community or how likely he might be to skip town. These analytical tools do not set the terms or conditions of a defendant's release, but they can provide courts with better information to help them make better decisions. Courts in Lucas County, for example, are successfully using a risk assessment tool that, according to the Sentencing Commission Report, has already improved court appearance rates, public safety rates, and pretrial success rates-all while awarding more pretrial releases.[1] And more courts are following Lucas County's lead.

Unfortunately, the Sentencing Commission's proposed rule still refers to bail bonds schedules, the antithesis of individualized risk assessments.

### **Bail Schedules, Judicial Discretion, & Public Safety**

Mandatory bail schedules undermine judicial discretion without enhancing public safety. Unlike individualized risk assessments, prescribed bails schedules allow some defendants to remain in jail simply because they cannot afford the bail, while also releasing other, potentially more dangerous defendants merely because they can afford the fixed bail. What bail a given defendant might afford, of course, has no reasonable bearing on the danger that

he may present to the community-making it an imprudent means of securing our public safety. A dangerous defendant is dangerous regardless of the money he gives to the bail bond agent, and there are far more effective conditions of pre-trial release-such as electronic monitoring, periodic court check-ins, and required appointments with probation officers-that can help make our communities safer while dangerous defendants await trial.

There are limited circumstances when assessing cash bail makes sense. When an out-of-state defendant poses no threat to the community, for instance, but needs a financial inducement to return for his court date, a reasonable cash bond is likely to ensure his return. But ordinarily, cash bail is the least effective way to keep communities safe and should be the exception rather than the rule.

The final rule should abolish and not even refer to bail schedules. The Commission Report asks the legislature to do away with bail schedules, but the Ohio Supreme Court should exercise its constitutional authority to make this change unilaterally. Article I Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution states, in part, that "[p]rocedures for establishing the amount and conditions of bail shall be established pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Constitution of the state of Ohio." Article IV, Section 5(b) gives rule-making authority to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Thus, although state law requires (R.C. 2937.23(A)(2)) our courts to set bail schedules, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Ohio Constitution makes clear that an Ohio Supreme Court rule would supersede this law if the rule and the statute are inconsistent: "All laws in conflict with such rules shall be of no further force or effect after such rules have taken effect." The Supreme Court should use its constitutional authority to establish a new, unilateral rule on bail schedules for all Ohio courts to follow.

### **Conclusion**

To maximize public safety, justice, and local jail facilities, the Sentencing Commission's proposed rules should:

1. Prohibit bail bonds schedules; and
2. Acknowledge that cash bail is the least preferred condition of release that should only be used as a last resort to ensure a defendant's appearance in court.

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[1] The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission: *Ad Hoc Committee on Bail and Pretrial Services Final Report*, at 9.

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### **Representative Hagan Named ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week**

COLUMBUS—State Representative Christina Hagan (R-Marlboro Township) was recently named Legislator of the Week by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and FreedomWorks.

Rep. Hagan was recognized for her legislative work in the Ohio House and service to her community, as representative of the 50<sup>th</sup> House District. An active member of ALEC, Rep. Hagan has focused on various issues affecting Ohioans, including strengthening the state's vital small business sector, promoting states' rights and encouraging financial literacy through legislative initiatives.

"I am honored to be recognized for my legislative work and service to our community," Rep. Hagan said.

ALEC is the nation's largest nonpartisan, voluntary membership organization of state legislators. With a focus on limited government, free markets and federalism, the organization serves as a forum to discuss ideas and exchange information on policies that work to benefit taxpayers.

State Rep. Hagan is currently serving her third term in the Ohio House of Representatives. She represents the 50th House District, which includes portions of Stark County.







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**BioBulletin: May 2017**



*Celebrating 30 years supporting Ohio's bioscience community*

Welcome to the May edition of the BioOhio BioBulletin!

BioOhio has just launched a new page of our website dedicated to patients' perspectives. We realize that working in bioscience is more than just a job. Patients are at the heart of the bioscience industry. Our goal is to expand this page in the coming months with a focus on stories related to a range of therapeutic areas, in an effort to educate the community about the value of bioscience-related research.

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## **BioOhio Board Member News**



BioOhio would like to welcome Stacy Strauss as the newest BioOhio Board Member!

Ms. Strauss has been the Director of the Innovation Center at Ohio University since October 2016. At the Innovation Center, Ms. Strauss oversees the staff, makes connections for clients, oversees facility management, fundraising efforts, budget analysis, grant writing, and other Innovation Center operations. She was instrumental in securing a \$2 million dollar grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission in 2016.

Ms. Strauss holds a bachelor's degree in history from Kenyon College and a master's degree in education from The Ohio State University. She also holds a Business Incubator Management certificate from the International Business Innovation Association.

BioOhio extends our sincerest gratitude to Jennifer Simon who served on BioOhio's board for 2 years. Jennifer contributed greatly to BioOhio's mission and we wish her luck in her new role as Executive Director of Regional Innovation Network at Ohio University.

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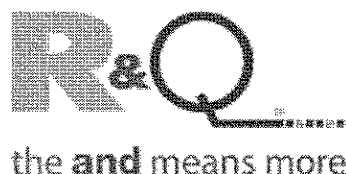
We are pleased to welcome Boehringer Ingelheim BIPI Columbus, Cuyahoga Community College, Extreme Microbial Technologies, Marsh & McLennan Agency, MatchTx, Shift·ology Communication, Western Environmental Corp., ZED Digital and student Joanette Breslin as new BioOhio Members.

Thank you to the following companies who renewed their BioOhio membership this month: Alkermes, Biomedical Engineering Society at OSU, CincyTech, Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools, EG-GILERO, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Interplex Medical, JALEX Medical, Miami University, Open Therapeutics, Squire Patton Boggs, Team NEO, UCB, and Wood, Herron & Evans.

As always, thanks to the entire BioOhio member family that continues to support our efforts.

Everything we do is driven by member requests. [Click here](#) to learn about the many benefits and resources available, whether you are currently a member or thinking about joining.

## BioOhio Regulatory and Quality Forum presented by R&Q



Hosted by **oswald**  
**June 15, 2017 in Cleveland**

[BioOhio.com/Regulatory-Forum](http://BioOhio.com/Regulatory-Forum)

BioOhio, in partnership with R&Q, is once again teaming up with industry experts to bring you a program focused on regulatory issues pertinent to Ohio's medical products industry.

This year's event brings some of the medical device industry's leading experts direct to you. We'll discuss changing regulations and present actionable recommendations for next steps, along with examining other critical industry trends.

The event will facilitate great industry and professional networking in addition to the valuable content. The Regulatory Forum is consistently one of our most popular and well attended events.

This event is made possible by generous sponsorship of companies and organizations that value the power of partnerships and networking. [Click here](#) to learn more about sponsoring this event.

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## Women in Bioscience Leadership Series



July 28 in Columbus *presented by BioOhio*

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• *Moderated by* Falon Donohue, CEO, VentureOhio

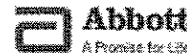
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Since 2015, BioOhio has hosted two full-day Women in Bioscience Conferences, and two half-day workshops, featuring speakers covering topics such as career paths, mentoring, networking, communication strategies, and success stories.

BioOhio's goal in holding these events is to highlight numerous bioscience career options, for scientific and non-scientific jobs, along with practical concepts to advance women in the bioscience industry.

To continue this mission, BioOhio is hosting a series of breakfast workshops around the state in 2017. The goal is to highlight topics that will provide tools needed to advance into leadership positions. First up: learning the core behaviors of successful leaders.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register. If you're interested in sponsoring this event, please contact [Jen Goldsberry](#).

## **Events Calendar**

May 25 - Webinar: The EU IVD Regulation- Top 5 Changes for Medical Device Manufacturers to Consider

May 31-June 1 - ChinaBio Partnering Forum (China)

June 1 - ProMedica Innovations Summit (Toledo)

June 2 - Big Data and Cybersecurity for Manufacturers (Cleveland)

June 7 - Webinar: Computational Simulation for Medical Devices

June 7 - Webinar: Clinical Studies in China: Understanding the Regulatory Framework & Trial Process

June 13 - Examiner Searching - Through The Looking Glass (Cincinnati)

June 15 - BioOhio Regulatory and Quality Forum: presented by R&Q (Cleveland)

June 19-22 - BIO International Convention 2017 (San Diego, CA)

June 21-23 - ClevelandNEW (Neural Engineering Workshop) 2017 (Cleveland)

June 22 - OFRN Consortia - Speciality Polymers & Composites - North Meeting

June 26-27 - Cell Culture and Cell Therapy: Bioprocessing Conference (Philadelphia)  
(BioOhio members are eligible for a 20% discount)

July 13-14 - In Vitro Diagnostics: Infectious Diseases and Oncology Conference  
(Philadelphia) (BioOhio members are eligible for a 20% discount)

July 20 - SBIR Road Tour 2017 (Cleveland)

July 28 - Women in Bioscience Leadership Series - Columbus

August 14-16 - Adult Stem Cell Therapy and Regenerative Medicine Conference MSC2017 (Cleveland)

November 2 - Heal Ohio Conference (Akron)

Visit the [Events Calendar](#) for future events.

If you're hosting a bioscience-related event and would like BioOhio's help in promoting it, [let us know here](#).

## **Ohio Bioscience News**

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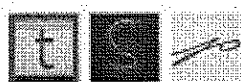


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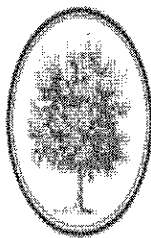
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While the kids talk, tweet, and text in abbreviations that don't translate well into adult-speak, I sometimes wonder whether words matter anymore the way they did when I was in school studying Papa Shakespeare's work: that whole chestnut about a rose going by another name? Do our students even read Shakespeare to get that reference these days? Have they seen the Merchant of Venice to understand the concept of seasoning justice with mercy?

When The Buckeye Institute began its campaign in earnest 3 years ago to reform criminal justice laws in Ohio one by one, we didn't have a clever title or marketing name or the right words, if you will, to describe our project. We simply set out to get things done and took action toward our goal. And the results of our efforts were extraordinary and remain unmatched by any state in the entire country.

To highlight a few of the reforms we are working on right now, we are co-hosting an event next week (on Wednesday, see details below) and have come up with the right hash tag and title to capture what we are setting about to do: Sensible Justice. Incarcerate those who are dangerous to

society, such as violent or sexual predators, and give those whose addictions are the primary cause of their illegal activity the chance at redemption and rehabilitation in what is indisputably the smarter, more financially efficient, and more seasoned way to reduce crime.

Perhaps we should have named our campaign "seasoned justice" to borrow a phrase that Shakespeare coined so eloquently through Portia's statement to Shylock:

*The quality of mercy is not strained.  
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed:  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.  
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest. It becomes  
The thronèd monarch better than his crown.  
His scepter shows the force of temporal power,  
The attribute to awe and majesty  
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings,  
But mercy is above this sceptered sway.  
It is enthronèd in the hearts of kings.  
It is an attribute to God himself.  
And earthly power doth then show likest God's  
When mercy seasons justice.*

We hope you will join us on Wednesday, May 31, for a roundtable discussion moderated by Buckeye's own Criminal Justice Fellow Daniel Dew at the Statehouse in Columbus to hear what actual practitioners in Ohio are doing to creatively and effectively reduce crime rates and recidivism, keep our communities safe, and enact sensible reforms. And, hey, there's an open bar. So let's join together to toast our extraordinary progress on criminal justice reforms in Ohio as well as Papa Shakespeare's uncanny mastery of the English language. Here's to The Buckeye Institute working with all of you to add dashes of mercy into our justice system.

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## Law, Order, and Sensible Justice Roundtable

HOSTED BY: COALITION FOR PUBLIC  
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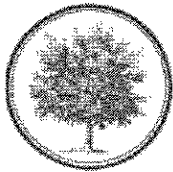
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### **New Buckeye Institute Report: ESAs Would Meet Ohio's Unique Educational Needs**

**Columbus, OH** - On Wednesday, The Buckeye Institute released its latest report, *Education Savings Accounts: Expanding Education Options for Ohio*, by **Greg R. Lawson** and **Lindsey Burke**. This timely new research assesses the benefits of educational savings accounts (ESAs) and calls on Ohio policymakers to adopt this innovative tool, which gives parents the ability to pay for the education services that best meet their child's individual needs, rather than being forced to use a one-size-fits-all model.

"The ESA concept builds upon Ohio's successes with a variety of scholarship programs such as EdChoice and will ensure that Ohio's children receive the education they deserve," said Lawson. "It also provides additional incentives that propel Ohio's educational system

forward from a 20<sup>th</sup> Century model into one nimble enough to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

### What is an Education Savings Account?



In the **report**, Lawson and Burke outline precisely how ESAs would enable parents to customize their child's education to meet his or her unique needs. For example, ESAs would allow parents to pay not only for private schools, but also allow them to use any remaining money in the account to pay for additional educational items such as textbooks, tutors, enroll students in online classes, or even save money for college.

"To enhance choices for families, infuse innovation into the K-12 sector, and ensure that education opportunities are as unique as the children they teach, Ohio should establish a universal ESA option that maximizes flexibility, accommodation, and parent-driven accountability, Lawson and Burke said in the report. "Ohio students deserve access to the best educational opportunities. Empowering all families to customize their children's



education through ESAs builds upon Ohio's existing school choice options to ensure that every child has instruction suited to their individual needs."

**See how Education Savings Accounts are Helping Families in Arizona, Florida, and Mississippi.**

In the report, Burke and Lawson suggest two potential funding mechanisms for ESAs.

One option is funding an ESA program much like the state funds charter schools. The state could place 90 percent of the full per-pupil amount (\$6,000) into an ESA account and send the remaining 10 percent to the student's originally assigned school district in order to defray a portion of the district's fixed costs.

A second option would deposit only the actual amount that the district would have received from the state into a student's ESA account. As Burke and Lawson note, though, while this mechanism might be easier to implement, it would also create less predictable ESA contributions.

In their conclusion, Lawson and Burke find that ESAs would ensure that every child has instruction more suited to his or her individual needs and would empower parents to make and afford educational choices for their children that meet those needs.

Lawson is the research fellow at The Buckeye Institute and served for five years on the boards of two Columbus-based charter schools. Burke is the director of the Center for Education Policy at the **Heritage Foundation** and the Will Skillman fellow in education policy. She is also a fellow at **EdChoice**.

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